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Washington, DC – Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01), a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and the Blue Dog Budget Task Force, today praised the establishment of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, a bipartisan commission charged with evaluating federal spending and recommending debt-reduction measures. President Barack Obama today signed an executive order creating the commission.

"The establishment of a bipartisan fiscal commission represents a significant step towards reining in government spending and balancing our budget," said Congressman Childers. "With the passage of final PAYGO legislation last week, today marks Congress' second major achievement in restoring fiscal responsibility in the past two weeks. I'm proud to have supported both PAYGO and a fiscal commission to help change the way our government operates and get our economy back on track."

Congressman Childers has consistently made fiscal responsibility a priority. He co-sponsored statutory PAYGO and took an active role in creating the "Blue Dog Blueprint for Fiscal Reform," a 15 point plan aimed at cutting spending and balancing the budget. Making PAYGO law and establishing a bipartisan fiscal commission are both objectives of the Blue Dog Blueprint.

A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit www.childers.house.gov

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